

The Character and Fitness Process

1) Submission:

Applicant submits the Character Report and all required supporting documents.

2) Review:

Staff reviews the Character Report for completeness and compliance, and contacts the applicant with any deficiencies.

3) Investigation:

Staff conducts an intensive background investigation and gathers the information required by the Supreme Court and the Committee on Character and Fitness.

4) Committee Assessment:

Members of the Committee on Character and Fitness assess applicant for fitness, and either:

- Recommend the applicant for admission to the practice of law
- Continue the investigation by contacting the applicant and/or third party for further information
- Refer the applicant for an evaluation (i.e. substance abuse, psychological, financial)
- Set a hearing

Required Updates:

It is your responsibility to advise the Committee of any and all changes to your Application and Character Report from the date of submission to the date of admission to the practice of law.

Timing:

Each applicant, their submissions, and the Committee's investigation of them, is unique. The Committee is unable to predict an investigation timeframe for any individual applicant. Should further information be required, you will be contacted. The Committee will not provide interim status.

You are required to file accurate and complete information, and it is in your best interest to respond to Committee requests in a timely, yet thorough, manner.